

ELKO COUNTY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2005

Northern Nevada Regional Hospital
Elko, Nevada
9:00am (PSDT)

ATTENDANCE: Charlie Myers, Elaine Barkdull, Glen Guttry, Donetta Skinner, Phyllis Peterson, Greg Brorby, Terry Sullivan, Lee Krugerud, Wayne Lowman, John Rice, John Mack, Mary Korpi, Summer Ehrmann, and Kim Abeyta.

Via Telephone: Pax Kelly, and BeBe Adams

Guests: Adella Harding (Elko Daily Free Press)

Absent: NNRH, UNR/FSA, and Stewart Title Company

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No public comments were made.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of related materials available

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The regular monthly Board meeting was held on August 19, 2005, in Wells at 9:00 a.m.

ACTION ITEM: Terry Sullivan motioned to approve the August minutes and Lee Krugerud seconded to motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS FOR AUGUST 2005

Warrants over \$500 submitted for Board signatures; warrants under \$500 approved by Executive Director payment, list provided to the Board. **Review of current expenditures/budget comparison.** **ACTION ITEM:** Lee Krugerud motioned to approve the warrants and Greg Brorby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET UPDATE: ECEDA has a little over \$2000 remaining for additional railport study needs and \$15,000 has been rolled over to the 2006 Budget for the Target Market Study. This was money that Barrick donated last year. These funds will be utilized for the Target Market Study that Lockwood Greene is currently conducting.

ECEDA Board Meeting Host Presentation: NNRH representatives were unavailable to give Host Presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

Leads Update: Updates on leads ECEDA worked on from August 13 – September 16, 2005. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull stated that she is working on four strong leads showing interest in the Railport and Wells area. Companies interested in Elko County included a steel/recycling company, chemical and biotech companies, and an aircraft facility.

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ECEDA Leads Policy

Elaine Barkdull suggested a committee should be formed since the State did not have one already in place. John Rice for Dr. Killpatrick, Pax Kelly, and Phyllis Peterson volunteered to sit on the committee to develop a "Leads Policy" which will be added to the ECEDA Bylaws.

Funding Requests to NCED: There is an October deadline for funding to the NCED. The ECEDA Executive Director will need to submit the requests very soon. A list of recommended requests will need to be reviewed and approved by the ECEDA Board. The fund available and being competed for is \$516,000 from the State's budget. It is for operations, surveys and other related expenses.

The ECEDA Executive Board will review and approve grant requests by October 3, 2005. ECEDA will submit a request to NCED for a share of the \$516,000 in funding existing for rural economic authorities.

NCED Dinner:

Elaine Barkdull recommended to the board that the Executive Board review the list. Motion gave Executive Board approval of list. Executive Director, Elaine Barkdull reported that the NCED dinner would be held on October 26, 2005 at the Stockmen's Hotel and Casino. She thanked Rhonda Zuraff, Elko Daily Free Press for sponsoring the event. Elaine Barkdull also stated that Sierra Pacific Power Company would also be conducting a free seminar on economic development from noon to 4 p.m., October 26, 2005.

Work Plan Committee Meeting Dates: Meeting dates were discussed and confirmed as the following:

Railport Project Committee:

Meeting Date/Time: October 7, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at Great Basin College.

Workforce Development Committee:

Meeting Date/Time: October 7, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at Great Basin College.

Marketing and Recruiting Committee:

Lockwood Greene conducted a site visit on September 14 and 15, 2005. The first analysis draft should be completed by October 7, 2005. A follow up visit will be determined at a later date. **Meeting Date/Time:** TBD after Target Market Study is complete.

Regional Economic Development Issues Committee: Meeting Date/Time: To be announced after NCED determines its new direction dealing with regions.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Update on the Railport Project

Charlie Myers reported that Elko County Commissioners and Ellison Property owners approved a tentative purchase agreement for \$2.15 million. He also stated that the County Commissioners walked the property with the current owners. Charlie Myers added that an appraiser is lined up for Railport site and if the appraisal comes in with the projected amount Elko County would go forward with the closing. At that point, the current property owners would then have 180 days to vacate the property.

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ENTITY REPORTS

Each city gave a report on the activities of their communities.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2005 at the UNR Fire Science Academy at Carlin, Nevada.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted:

Kim Abeyta, Assistant Director